

REMARKS

Claims 39 and 40 have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 34-40 remain pending in this application.

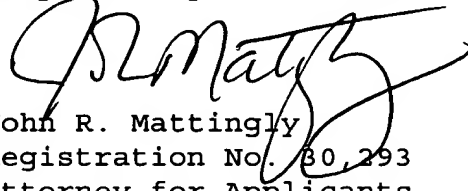
35 U.S.C. §103

An Appeal Brief is filed concurrently herewith that addresses the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections.

35 U.S.C. §112

Entry of the foregoing amendments to claims 39 and 40 is respectfully requested in order to reduce the issues on appeal, specifically by overcoming the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection in the manner proposed by the Examiner.

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